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RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 24. *The* 30*th January* 1884.

Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Bangalore Municipal Regulations of 1883, the Resident in Mysore is pleased to direct that in future the Municipal Commissioners of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore other than *ex-officio* members, shall be appointed by election, in accordance with the following Rules :—

1. The number of non-official members of the Municipal Board of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore shall be 18, consisting of representatives of the following classes of the inhabitants :—

(1) Europeans and Eurasians.

(2) Muhammadans.

(3) Hindus and others.

2. These classes shall contribute representatives to the Board as shown below :—

Europeans and Eurasians	6
Muhammadans	4
Hindus and others	8

3. Any person before he can be elected Municipal Commissioner must fulfil the following conditions :—

(*a*) He must be of the male sex.

(*b*) He must have completed his 25th year.

(*c*) He must have a good knowledge of the English language.

(*d*) He must be a resident within Municipal limits.

(*e*) He must have paid, for the year preceding that in which the election takes place, Municipal rates or taxes of one or more of the kinds noted in the margin, or Government land revenue credited to the Municipality in respect of that year, to the aggregate amount of not less than Rs. 20, or he must reside in a house within Municipal limits paying a rental of not less than Rs. 30 per mensem.

(A) Tax on carriages, horses or other animals.
(B) Tax upon arts, professions, trades or callings.
(C) Rates on houses, buildings, or lands according to the annual value thereof, whether for general purposes or for lighting or water supply.

Provided that when an undivided Hindu family has paid the rates or taxes mentioned in clause (*e*), any one member thereof, having the other qualifications required, shall be eligible to be elected a Commissioner.

4. No officer or servant of the Municipality shall be qualified to be elected a Municipal Commissioner so long as he remains in the employ of the Municipality.

5. No person shall be qualified to be elected a Municipal Commissioner who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any offence, or who has been declared an insolvent within the year preceding the election, or who is interested, otherwise than as a share-holder in a Joint Stock Company, in any contract or work made with, or done for, the Commissioners.

6. Every person of either sex will be qualified as a voter, who, having completed 21 years of age and being able to read and write his or her vernacular language, fulfils one or other of the undermentioned conditions, *viz* :—

(*a*) That he or she is the *bonâ fide* owner, in his or her own right, of a house, building or land assessed with rates for general Municipal purposes within the limits of the Municipality.

(*b*) That he or she resides within Municipal limits, and has paid, for the year preceding the election, Municipal rates or taxes, of one or more of the kinds marginally noted, to the aggregate amount of Rs. 5 or upwards.

(A) Tax on carriages, horses or other animals.
(B) Tax upon arts, professions, trades or callings.
(C) Rates on houses, buildings or lands according to the annual value thereof, whether for general purposes or for lighting or water supply.

(*c*) That he or she has been for the year preceding the election the occupier, in his or her own right, of a house within Municipal limits at a monthly rental of not less than Rs. 8.

7. Whenever one or more vacancies occur in the Board of Municipal Commissioners and the Resident has directed that the same be filled by election, the President of the Municipal Commission shall call together a meeting of the electors, in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, of the classes to which the Commissioner who caused the vacancy belonged, and at such meeting, of the date fixed for which at least 7 days' notice shall have been given, the names of persons to fill the vacancy or vacancies may be proposed and seconded. If only one person be so proposed and seconded for each vacancy, he shall be declared duly elected. If more than one person be proposed and seconded, the election shall be determined by vote. The election by vote shall take place on a day to be then declared by the President of the Municipal Commission, removed by an interval of not less than 3 days from the date of the meeting.

8. Elections shall be by ballot, and the cost thereof shall be defrayed from Municipal Funds.

9. Each elector shall have as many votes as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more than one vote can be given by each elector for any one candidate.

10. No Commissioner shall be elected unless 20 votes at least are given in his favor, and in case there are not so many as twenty votes in favor of any candidate, the Resident may nominate a Commissioner to fill the vacancy, and he shall have the same powers as if he had been elected.

11. When an equality of votes is found to exist between any two or more candidates at any election under these Rules and the addition of one vote would entitle one of such candidates to be elected a Commissioner, the President of the Municipal Commission may give such additional vote, and the candidate to whom such additional vote has been given shall thereupon be held to be elected a Commissioner.

12. Lists of the persons qualified to be elected and to vote as provided by Rules 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall, as soon as possible and not later than three months after these Rules come into operation, be prepared, printed and published by the President, Municipal Commission.

13. There shall be one such list for each of the sections of the rate payers referred to in Rule 1 above, and the publication of the lists shall be made by affixing them in some conspicuous place in or near the Municipal Commissioner's Office and in other parts of the Station.

14. The lists published as aforesaid shall not be deemed conclusive as to the qualifications of the persons therein named, to be elected or to vote, and shall, from time to time, be open to revision by the President of the Municipal Commission, assisted by three or more Commissioners.

15. The President shall give notice of the publication of the lists in one or more of the local newspapers, and the said lists shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times of the day for fifteen days after the day of publication of such notice.

16. Copies of the lists shall be supplied to the public at the Municipal Commissioner's Office at cost price.

17. The President, assisted by three or more Commissioners, shall, in the first month of every year, revise the said lists for the purpose of removing therefrom the name of any person not entitled to be entered therein, or adding the name of any qualified person. All objections to the entry of any name, and all claims to the addition of any name, shall be determined by the President and the said Commissioners. In the event of a difference of opinion the matter shall be determined by the opinion of the majority, the President having a casting vote.

By Order,

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